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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 18-187—sHB 5475

Judiciary Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE BODY-WORN RECORDING EQUIPMENT
TASK FORCE**

SUMMARY: This act expands the charge of the 26-member task force on state and local police use of body-worn recording equipment by requiring it to examine under what circumstances, if any, (1) a police officer should be allowed to review a recording before giving a formal statement about his or her or another officer's use of force and (2) members of the public or alleged victims or their family members should be allowed to review a recording during an investigation or after a police officer is alleged to have used excessive force. The task force must already examine issues such as training, data storage, freedom of information, and whether the law should also apply to electronic defense recording equipment.

The act also extends, from February 1, 2018, to January 1, 2019, the deadline by which the task force must report its findings and recommendations to the Public Safety and Judiciary committees and terminate.

Under existing law, the House speaker and minority leader each appoint one member to the task force. The act requires that the (1) speaker's appointee be a representative or family member of someone who died due to a police officer's use of force and (2) minority leader's appointee be a representative or family member of a police officer who died in the line of duty.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage